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REDUCTION IN AGRICULTURAL INCOME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that agricultural income of farmers has been reducing constantly;

(b) if so, the reasons attributed thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(c): The farmers` income, which is reflected in the Gross DomesticProduct (GDP) of theAgriculture and Allied sector (which includes agriculture, animal husbandry, forestry and fishery) for the years from 1993-94 to 1999-2000 at constant and current GDP prices, is as under:

GDP of Agriculture & Allied Sector (Rs. Crore)

Year	GDP at current price	GDP at constant Prices (1993-94)
1993-94	241967	241967
1994-95	278773	254090
1995-96	303102	251892
1996-97	362605	276091
1997-98	387008	269383
1998-99	459900	288401
1999-2000	484221	290334
2000-2001	500532	290895

To further increase production and develop agriculture in different parts of the country in future, the Government has decided to switch over from the conventional schematic approach to macro management mode for providing assistance to States. The scheme integrates 27 schemes into one scheme for supplementation/complementation of states` efforts through work plans which gives flexibility to states to address the specific problems faced by them, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim for all-round development of agriculture. The Government also fixes each season the minimum support prices (MSPs) ofmajor agricultural commodities to encourage higher investment and production. All these steps are expected to further increase the income of the farmers